

GUILTY OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Jury Finds Fred Skinner Guilty of the Murder of Mona Bell

Tommy Murphy is Given Decision Over Owen Moran

By Associated Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—With both men on their feet after twenty rounds of desperate fighting, Referee Eddie Smith tonight declared "Harlem" Tommy Murphy of New York, the winner over Owen Moran, England's champion lightweight. The decision was jeered by the crowd and Moran frantically protested, claiming he had been robbed.

The fight throughout was practically a bloodless one. Murphy scored the first blood in the ninth with a stinging left to the nose. Moran evened this by cutting open

his opponents right eye in the thirteenth. Beyond this the fighters bore no marks of punishment. Moran had the advantage in the first half of the battle. He forced the pace several times and pushed Murphy outside the ropes. Both men were strong in the last round, with Moran forcing Murphy over the ring. At one time the Englishman had the New Yorker in distress. The round ended with the fighters strong and battling hard for the advantage. The decision was unpopular with the crowd as Moran was a 10 to 6 favorite.

TAFT SAYS JEWS HAVE TRUE SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Replying to a delegation from the American Association of Foreign Language newspapers, who called at the white house to protest against certain immigration bills pending in congress, the president today paid a high tribute to the Jews who had come to America and had become imbued with the true spirit of patriotism.

DEALERS IN OLEOMARGARINE TO BE TRIED

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—A federal inquiry into the methods of disposing of oleomargarine was ordered today by Judge Landis in the United States district court, after he had sentenced one of four dealers to the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth and fined him \$15,000. The man sentenced to the penitentiary was W. A. Broadwell. The three other cases were continued until Thursday.

WEATHER CLEARS IN THE NORTH

By Associated Press.
SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 28.—The weather here and in the Cascade mountains turned clear and cold last night and the Northern Pacific track was opened. Trains are departing on schedule today and no further trouble is expected. The Great Northern is still closed and train are unable to proceed up the west slope of the Cascades on account of the snow. The Milwaukee is no better off than it was yesterday and no trains are running. The change in the weather dispels fear of flood, which was felt yesterday on account of the heavy rain.

TUCSON PAPER SOLD.

By Associated Press.
TUCSON, Feb. 28.—The Tucson Citizen was sold yesterday to the Tucson Printing and Publishing company of which James T. Williams Jr., former United States civil service commissioner at Washington, is president.

BRYAN NOT A CANDIDATE

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A cablegram from Valparaiso, Chile, says that Mr. Bryan has declared to friends there that he is not a candidate for the nomination to the presidency of the United States.

Second Trial Self Confessed Slayer Ends at 3:35 This Morning After Jury Deliberated Four Hours.

After deliberating from 11:43 last evening until 3:35 this morning the jury in the Skinner case announced that they had agreed upon a verdict. As the twelve men filed into the room the countenance of Skinner was again illuminated with the sardonical smile that has been in evidence throughout the case with the exception of yesterday.

After the jurors had taken their accustomed places in the jury box Judge Averill asked:

"Gentlemen of the jury have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have your honor," replied Foreman Jacob C. Frick, and at the same time handing to the judge the slip of paper containing the fate of the defendant.

"Have each and all of you agreed upon the verdict?" was asked by the court.

"We have," came the unanimous answer.

"Is this your verdict?" was then asked.

"It is," was the response. The court, after reading the verdict, ordered it filed by the clerk of the court, who after complying with the order, read the verdict, which stated that Skinner was guilty of murder in the second degree.

The smile on Skinner's face disappeared at the conclusion of the reading and when the degree was announced his head dropped and he covered his face with his hands. A half sob, that was audible only to those near him, escaped his lips. Once did he raise his face and that was when his wife entered the room. When the prisoner had communicated the result of the trial to her, she half smiled, thinking the penalty was a light one. Later when informed by one of the court house attaches that it involved imprisonment varying from ten years to life imprisonment, the exact length to be decided by the court, she threw herself into the arms of her faithless husband and kissed him. The embrace was broken by one of the officers and Skinner was returned to his cell.

Judge Averill announced that sentence would be pronounced on Monday, March 7, 1910, at 10 o'clock.

At 2:30 the jury returned to the court room and asked concerning the penalty for manslaughter and murder in the second degree. The body was informed by the court that manslaughter involved imprisonment from one to ten years and that second degree murder invoked imprisonment from ten years to life. When this information had been furnished, the foreman asked:

UP IN A BALLOON FOR DISTANCE RECORD

By Associated Press.
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 28.—Clifford B. Harmon of New York, and George B. Harrison, of Los Angeles, started at 9:15 tonight in the balloon "New York" for the long distance record.

ARREST ON MURDER CHARGE

By Associated Press.
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 28.—Said to be wanted for alleged complicity in the murder of Lieutenant Petrosini of the New York police force in Palermo, Italy, Giuseppe Calamia, was arrested here yesterday afternoon upon request from Washington.

Asquith Given Lease of Life Until After Easter

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Feb. 28.—At a session of the house of commons today Premier Asquith's government obtained a new lease of life until after Easter. This was a gift of the conservatives who were so anxious to avoid too general elections within so brief a period, that they accepted the premier's program without calling a vote. When the house of commons meets after Easter, it will take up the struggle to revolutionize the British government system. Resolutions will be presented to deprive the lords of all authority over the finances and of their power for vetoing measures

of the lower house, leaving to the lords only functions of delay and discussion. If this plan succeeds the government proposes next year to proceed with the transformation of the house of lords from a hereditary to a democratic body.

Such was the programme of Prime Minister Chancellor Lloyd George who declared the government had staked its existence. In the meantime the budget stands sidetracked, and it is likely when it is taken up it will combine the budget of two years and will be shorn of the features objectionable to the Irish members.

HOUSE COMMITTEE FAVORS CREATION COMMERCE COURT

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—By a majority of two, the house committee on interstate commerce today voted to create an interstate commerce court, which is one of the principal features of the Townsend administration railroad bill. This is a provision of the president, and the attorney general has been fighting that it be kept in the bill. The vote of the committee was 10 to 8.

GUARD KILLS CONVICT

By Associated Press.
COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 28.—Harvey Johnson, a negro serving a life sentence term as a burglar, was shot and killed today by a guard in the Ohio penitentiary while trying to escape.

FIRE DESTROYS DORMITORY.

By Associated Press.
HANOVER, N. H., Feb. 28.—Fire early this morning destroyed the South Fayerweather dormitory at Dartmouth college. All the students escaped. The loss will reach \$60,000.

TO SEEK TREASURE.

By Associated Press.
SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—An expedition has been organized to save the steamer Islander, sunk 10 years ago near Juneau, Alaska, while bound for Seattle, with \$2,000,000 of gold in her strong box.

SEISMOGRAPH AT ST LOUIS RECORDS FIVE TEMBLORS

By Associated Press.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—Five earthquake shocks were recorded on the seismograph at the St. Louis university this afternoon, commencing at 3:30 and continuing until 3:48. The shocks were long and slow, and from the east to the west, according to Father Goosse, the university astronomer, and indicate a severe shock in the southern hemisphere.

WALKOUT ON NORTHERN ROADS MAY RESULT

By Associated Press.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 28.—The firemen and engineers of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads have completed a strike vote and it is rumored they declared overwhelmingly in favor of walking out Tuesday morning unless the road grants the demands made in November.

RELEASED CONVICT IS REARRESTED

By Associated Press.
LEAVENWORTH, Kans., Feb. 28.—Pierre Gouyet, a Frenchman, convicted of importing women into this country for immoral purposes, who completed a sentence of two years in the federal prison here yesterday, was arrested by an agent of the department of commerce and labor and will be deported.

SCHEDULED TO WALK FIFTY MILES

By Associated Press.
ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 28.—With a scheduled walk of fifty miles before him today, Edward Payson Weston left McCarty's N. M., early this morning. It is his intention to stop at Rio Puerco tonight.

MRS. HARLOW PASSES AWAY AT EMERYVILLE

Mary Harlow, the wife of J. C. Harlow, a former state printer, passed away at Emeryville on the 24th inst. The lady was well known in this city where she had a host of friends who will be grieved to learn of her death. She was an aunt by marriage to the present state printer, Joseph McCarty.

Lots of comedy and many a laugh at the Butler today.

AVALANCHE WIPES OUT IDAHO TOWNS

THREE SNOW SLIDES OCCUR AND THE LOSS OF LIFE IS UNKNOWN.

By Associated Press.
SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 28.—The third avalanche in addition to those at Mace, and Burke, Idaho, destroyed the camp of Carbonate Hill Mining company, near the "S" bridge, at Mullan, Idaho, at noon Sunday. Three persons are reported dead. Nineteen are known to be dead from the avalanches that nearly obliterated Mace and Burke last night and this morning, and the death list will probably be increased as the rescuers penetrate the debris.

Hundreds of men are working to recover the bodies.

Mace is situated in a creek bed, and the mountains rise high on

Miners Heroically Rush to Rescue and Three Meet Death in Attempting to Save Their Fellow Miners

either side of the canyon. The slope has been denuded of trees by the mines. The main body of the avalanche, which started from the top of Custer mountain, passed beyond the town, striking the opposite slope with a terrific force and rushed up the mountain side. The canyon was filled to a depth of from 40 to fifty feet. The damage to the town was done by an offshoot from the main slide which carried a con-

struction train from the track as it plunged into the ravine. The boarding house at Standard mine, where 300 miners were sleeping, was missed by 120 feet.

The Mace slide occurred at 10:45 last night, while all the population, except the men on night shift at the mines, were sleeping. The Burke avalanche occurred at 5:30 this morning. That more lives were not lost at Burke, is due to the

foreman of the Hecla mine. Realizing the danger which threatened the unsuspecting sleeping citizens he sent a miner to rouse the inhabitants and urge them to seek safety.

By a sad caprice of fate, four of those who lost their lives at Burke were members of the rescue party which had been at work at Mace all night.

The slide was approximately three thousand feet long, save for a few places packed solid as ice. It is said tonight the dead will probably never be accurately known as the slide can never be entirely removed.